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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements previously filed, Applicant hereby brings to the attention of the Examiner a Japanese Decision of Rejection that was mailed on March 15, 2007, with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-207777, in which the following document was cited:

- (1) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 9-262243 A, together with an English language Abstract. This document is noted to be a patent family member of U.S. Patent No. 6,099,537.

The relevance of this document, as ascertained with respect to the Japanese claims by the Japanese Examiner, is set forth in the Japanese Decision of Rejection.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), a copy of the U.S. patent is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of the above-noted foreign document is attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the Japanese Decision of Rejection and an English language translation thereof are also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

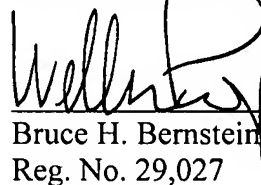
Applicant notes that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) that was filed on April 23, 2007, thus, no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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